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SUBJECT: RUMORED AFRICAN POLICY MEETING IN MOSCOW

REF: (A) STATE 83310, (B) ADDIS ABABA 1525, (C) HAVANA 852

- 1. AT END OF APRIL 5 MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KORNIYENKO, AMBASSADOR NOTED RUMORS PREVALENT IN MOSCOW DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY ABOUT AFRICAN STRATEGY MEETINGS HERE INVOLVING NETO, MENGISTU, AND, PERHAPS, MALMIERCA. KORNIYENKO REFUSED TO RISE TO BAIT, SAYING HE HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT NETO WHEREABOUTS, AND THAT, ACCORDING TO WESTERN PRESS, MALMIERCA WAS IN PARIS. AFTER SHORT PERIOD OF EXPECTANT SILENCE, AMBASSADOR ASKED IF ASSUMPTION COULD THEN BE MADE THAT MENGISTU WAS IN SOVIET UNION. YOU CAN ASSUME WHAT YOU WANT, SAID KORNIYENKO.
- 2. COMMENT: RETICENT AS HE WAS, KORNIYENKO DID NOT ACTUALLY DENY MEETINGS HERE. WE DO ASSUME THEY ARE TAKING PLACE, BUT HAVE NO REAL EVIDENCE OTHER THAN FACT CONFIDENTIAL

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